

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



April 2012

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ROMEO STUFFURBUCKO
Box P7RS5
North Korea, Europe, Asia, Mid East

WX9X
PIRATE QSL
LIMITED EDITION

ZONE 24

MARCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

AT THE SIZZLER STEAK HOUSE

3755 MURPHY CANYON ROAD, SUITE S

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM DINNER: 5:30 PM

MEETING: 6:30 PM

Program: "Wild Bill" Wiederhold, WB6BFG, presenting
his recent trip to Doha, Qatar and A73A

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



There is news from the ARRL that MV Island (R1M) has now officially been deleted from the DXCC countries list. That's fine with me since I could never figure out how to pronounce "Malyj Vysotskij" anyway. If you're curious, ask Terry, K6JL who has been there. Bottom line – The total current countries drops back to 340 after just going up to 341 last year with the addition of South Sudan. While you are updating, you'll need to change the prefix for South Sudan from ST0 to Z8. Be careful that you don't wipe out the one ST0 operation that did count.

After starting out with a bang last year, cycle 24 just can't seem to sustain any momentum. There have been a few good days but we were expecting daily long openings to Europe on 10 meters by now. Conditions during the Russian DX contest last week were pretty dismal. Let's hope it gets better over the next few years.

Everything is pretty much in place for the Visalia convention. You can view and print out the entire convention schedule at the website, dxconvention.org/sched.html. Pre-registration has been going well and we are expecting as big a crowd as ever. If you signed up for the Sat night banquet, remember to send a seating request to N6IC (at) dxconvention.org

Made it back safely from my 3 weeks in the Caribbean at ZF2AM and PJ2T. Thanks to the many club members who called in during the ARRL DX CW, CQWW 160 SSB and ARRL DX SSB contests. You all made a difference.

73, John

DX Is!!

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports



San Diego DX Club February 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Vice President John Graf, WA6L due to the conspicuous absence of President John Barcroft, K6AM who was off to the far reaches of the earth to participate in several contest efforts (ARRL DX CW and CQ WW 160 from Cayman as ZF2AM and ARRL DX SSB from Curacao as PJ2T).

As always, the meeting room was filled to capacity.

Bob Grimmick, N6OX, just back from his trip to Malpelo Island as part of the HK0NA team, gave a great presentation on his adventures on the T32C DXpedition earlier this year.

A round-table followed Bob's presentation and members shared their latest accomplishments on the bands.

Treasurer's Report

I'm pleased to report that we have 100% renewal of last year's dues paying membership.

Statement Balance 31-January 2012 \$3,661.20

Additions \$865.03

Branch deposit (lots of dues payments including some on PayPal!)

Subtractions \$26.33

(John Barcroft – Holiday Bash expenses)

Statement Balance 29-February 2012 \$4,499.90

Outstanding checks \$15.00

(Lounsbery Ferguson Altona & Peak LLC - Lobbyist Registration)

Adjusted Balance \$4,484.90

Respectfully submitted

73, Ellen

The SDDXC Top 10 John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/12	3/11	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6ND	40	243	248	301	+2
2.	2.	W6YA	40	?	?	297	-
3.	3.	W7DD	40	?	?	297	-
4.	4.	K6NA	40	?	?	292	-
5.	5.	W6YI	40	266	270	274	+6
6.	6.	K6XT	40	250	251	260	-
7.	8.	K6AM	40	240	243	247	+5
8.	-.	N7CW	40	222	222	244	NEW
9.	9.	N6CW	39	?	211	236	+4
10.	-.	K6KT		62	63	186	NEW

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 20 METERS

3/12	3/11	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1	1.	W6YA	40	339	378	378	-
2.	2.	N6CW	40	?	360	364	-
3.	3.	N6ND	40	326	339	354	+2
4.	5.	W6YI	40	334	350	351	+1
5.	7.	K6AM	40	338	346	348	+5
6.	6.	K9RHY	40	336	347	347	-
7.	8.	W6YOO	40	338	345	345	+5
8.	9.	K0XB	40	333	341	342	+7
9.	10.	K6ZH	40	324	332	336	+3
10.	-.	N7CW	40	327	327	335	NEW

Rick, N6ND breaks the 300 barrier to widen the gap at number while several players check in with some nice jumps, but not enough to change the order of the race. With the addition of South Sudan and those who got their PJ's late, the 20 meter standings got stirred up a bit, but the leader order remains cast in stone.

With the deletion of MV Island, most C-D scores should drop next year. Please update your score to show the newly added and deleted countries. If I don't hear from you, I will just assume you have R1M confirmed and drop your current total by one.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 15 meters, and the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John



Cover Story and Editor's Rambling

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

"O Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore Art Thou, Romeo?"

William Shakespeare

SB DX @ ARL \$ARLD011
ARLD011 Awards committee vote

ZCZC AE53
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DX Bulletin 11 ARLD011
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT February 21, 1996
To all radio amateurs

SB DX ARL ARLD011
ARLD011 Awards committee vote

The ARRL Awards Committee met recently to review submitted documentation for the 1992-93 P5RS7 operation submitted by Romeo Stepanenko. After a review of all material available, the Awards Committee voted unanimously to disqualify Romeo Stepanenko from participation in the DXCC program.

This disqualification is based upon Rule 12, Operations Ethics, and Rule 13. The disqualification means that Stepanenko is not eligible to participate in the DXCC program in any manner. This includes, as provided for under Rule 12, paragraph (b) disallowance of contacts made with any station or DXpedition operated by him from the time of this action.

Romeo Stepanenko, aka Roman Vega, P5RS7, UB5RR, 3W3RR, XYØRR, 1SØRR, etc. got in hot water a few years ago when some details about his P5RS7 operation came into question, resulting in the ARRL bulletin reproduced above. But that's neither the start nor the end of the Romeo story. I was a keen fan and follower of Romeo and thought it would be interesting to dig a bit further into the "Romeo story".

Romeo Stepanenko was born 1966 in the Ukraine, son of Vladimir Stepanenko UZ1RR/UZ8RR (UB1RR at the time—guess how Romeo decided on his own distinctive call suffix?). Romeo's father appears to be currently active with two calls. I don't know the significance of the "RR" suffix, but there was a Ukranian certificate available for working stations with an "RR" suffix. To qualify, one of your contacts had to be Romeo!

UZ1RR  [Ukraine](#)

Vladimir A. Stepanenko, UZ1RR
P.O. Box 28
14000, Chernigov
Ukraine

Lookups: 1482 Ham Member

Mountain Rescue service after graduation. Romeo married Alyona (Alena), who had recently graduated from college. They

UT5JDA  [Ukraine](#)

Stepanenko Alena V., UT5JDA
335059
Sevastopol, ul. Gheroev Stalingrada, 37
-54
Ukraine

Lookups: 97

Romeo graduated from Simferopol University in Crimeria, majoring in math and computer science. He joined the

Mountain Rescue service after graduation. Romeo married Alyona (Alena), who had recently graduated from college. They have one daughter. In order to talk to Romeo during his absences, she secured the call UT5JDA which she still holds. I don't think this is widely known as her QRZ.com listing shows just 97 lookups.



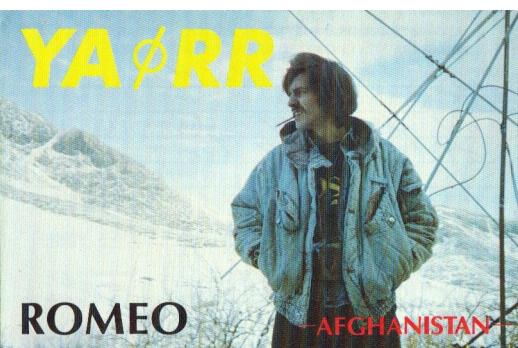
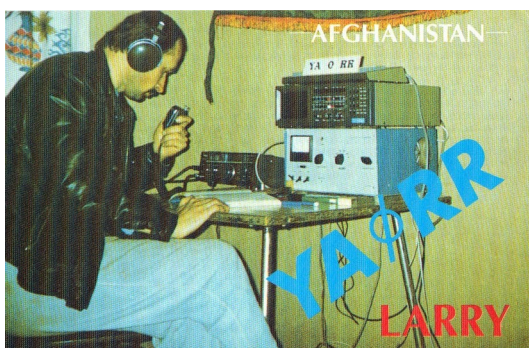


Sometime before or during 1989, Romeo joined Kiulong (CUULONG in Cyrillic), a Soviet/Vietnamese joint venture and a manufacturer of medical devices. Romeo then went to Vietnam and, in his own words: "The Minister of telecommunications of that country wanted to create an Amateur Radio Society; so, after a little thinking, I accepted a job to conduct courses for new hams, create a club station, produce rules and regulations for the Vietnamese. During the day I taught my hams-to-be; at night I got on the air and operated 3W3RR."



While in Saigon, Romeo contacted local officials about staging a DXpedition to the Spratly Islands. The Spratly's were extremely rare in 1990. The first operation there had been by the infamous Don Miller, W9WNV in 1965. Between the 1S9WNV operation and 1990 there had been only three limited operations from the island group. Also, in 1990, the memory of DJ4EI's death from cannon fire during Baldur's (DJ6SI) 1983 terribly ill-fated DXpedition to Barque Canada and Amboy Cay was still a recent memory.

1S0XV made about 40,000 QSOs. Romeo, using his personal call, 1S1RR, made 1,027 QSOs.

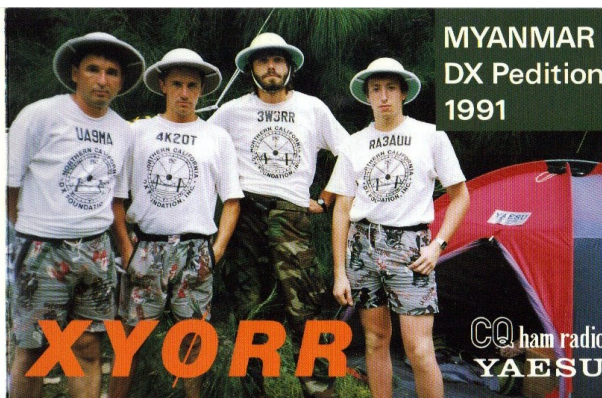
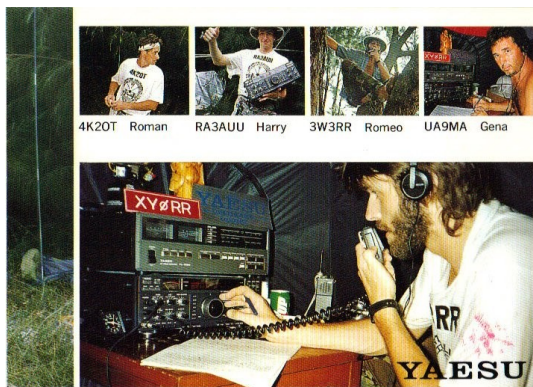


In December 1990, the YAØRR operation was "greenlighted" and the undertaking began with worldwide coordination by Ed Kritsky, NT2X and financial support from Japan and the U.S.A. Ham history says that Yuri Brazhenko, the president of "Moscow-Boston International Ltd. Provided an "unlimited" credit line for the project.

Romeo and his friend Valery "Larry" YL3CW from the club station in Riga flew from Moscow on December 31, 1990 and landed two hours later not in Kabul, but rather in Tashkent! The Russian military had diverted their flight. On January 2, 1991 they boarded a half-military flight to Kabul. The Soviet delegation, expected upon arrival at the airport, failed to materialize due to a gap in communications. As it would turn out, this was not the last unpleasant surprise to occur. During the unpacking of the equipment in the Soviet complex in the city, it became apparent that most of the antennas and some of the equipment had been stolen while the team cooled their heels in Tashkent.

The Soviets themselves would not risk going out into the streets after 9:00 P.M., and at 10:00 a curfew went into effect. After that time, any passersby could be shot without warning. The government opposition was 30 kilometers from the city and kept it under continuous bombardment - this was anything but an ideal situation to venture out in. Whoever wished to erect an antenna anywhere was automatically a target of all the warring parties. The danger was so great that the Soviet ambassador prohibited the construction of the station in the occupied city. In addition, the license did not come from the communications ministry, but from a high-ranking government official whose name Romeo has never revealed.

Since further government support could not be expected, Romeo and Larry decided to act on their own. On January 5, they found a hideout in a suburb of Kabul and Larry built a 3-meter-high, almost invisible loop antenna from thin wire as anything else would be suicide. With this antenna the first 10 meter QSO's were made with 100 watts because the sound of a generator would have drawn unwanted attention. The team changed their location 14 times, from comfortable single-family dwellings to primitive foxholes. Ninety percent of the contacts were made with the "Afghani Special", a 21 meter-long wire, on which laundry was hung for camouflage. Even without an antenna tuner (it was stolen in Tashkent) it was possible to operate on all bands. The risk of erecting "real" antennas was too great.



Next up, in September 1991, was the XYØRR operation from Myanmar. According to Romeo: "What made XYØRR possible was a chain of incredible events and coincidences. ... It was easier to get a license than we had originally thought. ... A group of four was formed: Harry RA3AUU,

Gena UA9MA, Roman 4K2OT/UB1KA and Romeo himself. ... the team loaded their wares onto a military helicopter. Suddenly it turned out that the operating position was no longer to be in the Miei Islands, as was originally discussed. It was in the Golden Triangle. ... At some time prior to our arrival, a patch of land had been cleared for the operation. ... We were briefed by the chief of the guards: an area of 20 x 30 meters was assigned for the operation, and leaving this area wasn't desirable. ... By the last day of operation we were absolutely exhausted and couldn't take it anymore. The helicopter arrived, forcing us to shut down altogether. We pulled the plug ... on September 11, with a total of 50,007 contacts in the log."

The DXAC (DX Advisory Committee) repeatedly asked for documentation, and, after examination, accepted the operation for the DXCC program although some doubts about the true location of the station and the validity of its transmit permission still remained.

Yoshi Hayashi, JA1UT, had been trying for some time to obtain a license for Myanmar. In January 1990 he met with Lt. Col. Than Tut, Director General of the Information and Broadcasting Department, Ministry of Communication. They discussed the possibility of opening amateur radio. Some time later, Lt. Col. Than Tut was replaced by Lt. Col. Kyi Lwin. Yoshi and his friends travelled to Yangon in May and November 1990, and again in August 1991. Lt. Col. Kyi Lwin proposed to raise the question of the resumption of amateur radio at a cabinet meeting. Then the XYØRR operation by Romeo was given DXCC credit. Meanwhile, in response to a query, the Myanmar Central Government sent a telex to JA1UT stating they had not granted any licence or permission for amateur radio operation to foreigners.

I have a DXer friend who lives in the Chicago area that also travelled to Yangon to "pick up his license" only to find out that the central government had squashed the idea.

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	UTC	MHz	RST	MODE
K9RHY	14	AUG	92	1626	21	59	SSB
	11	AUG	92	2219	14	59	CW SSB
	11	AUG	92	2355	14	59	SSB

OPERATORS: 4K2OT/UB1KA (Roman), 3W3RR/AHØM (Romeo), and UH8EA (Victor)
 Thanks to the following: JA1BK, W8BLA, NCDXF, CQ Ham Radio and to INDEXA for their assistance & QSLs.

VERIFIED BY: Edward Krutsky NT2X

CQ ham radio A WIMPY QSL

Romeo operated from Iran in August 1992 as 9DØRR and received prompt approval from the DXAC. He was well on his way to becoming a DX superstar.



Next up is my personal favorite. It was reported in a press release that Kan, JA1BK, and Romeo had obtained permission from the North Korean military to operate from the DPRK. The first contact was reported around 0020 UTC on December 19, 1992. There was a second press release on December 20th indicating that the operation was shut down by the local authorities. Thirty minutes later P5RS7 appeared again on 40M.

Romeo submitted written authorization for P5RS7 in 1996 which was rejected by the ARRL DXAC. Romeo was disqualified from the DXCC program under the ethics clause. Any further submissions for any of his operations would be rejected as described in the ARRL bulletin at the start of this narrative.

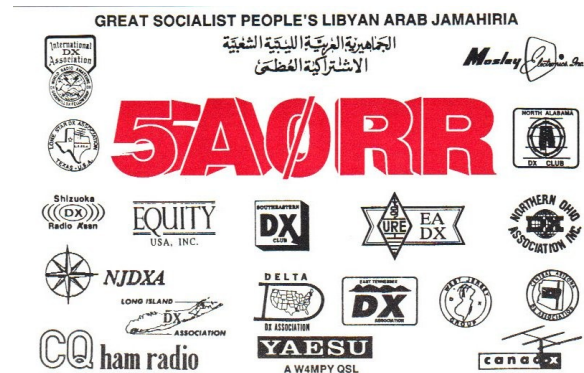
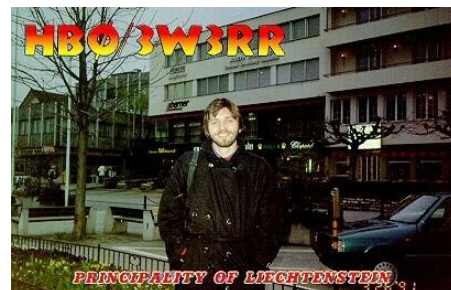
Romeo enjoyed some extracurricular activity, operating from various places in Soviet Georgia, from Liechtenstein and from a Ukranian submarine (I am not making this up!) I wish I had been able to work Romeo when he was /AM in a hot air balloon.

YANKEE CLIPPER AHØM Romeo Stepanenko 3W3RR
AIR BALLOON MOSCOW RUSSIA
EKØRR/AM ☐
NAVY SUBMARINE SEVASTOPOL UKRAINE
EKØRR/MM ☒
CONTEST CLUB

Confirming QSO with: **K9RHY**
Date/Month/Year UTC Mhz 2-way RST
2/20/93 1500 28 59
P.O. Box 766 Brooklyn, NY 11250 U.S.A.
QSL via AHØM

YANKEE CLIPPER AHØM Romeo Stepanenko 3W3RR
☐ 5AØRR Libya
☐ R3A/3W3RR Russia, White House
☐ BY1PK China
☒ 4L/AHØM Georgia
☐ P5RS7 North Korea
☐ XE2/AHØM Mexico
CONTEST CLUB

Confirming QSO with: **K9RHY**
Date/Month/Year UTC Mhz 2-way RST
7/2/93 0730 7 59
P.O. Box 766 Brooklyn, NY 11250 U.S.A.
QSL via AHØM



In June, 1993, Romeo, accompanied by Danny, LZ2UU and a Libyan national named Said operated as 5AØRR from Libta. According to Romeo: "This DXpedition coincided with the International Arab Summit being held in Cairo, so National security throughout the region was at a fever pitch. The DXpedition was terminated when Danny and Romeo were accused by Libyan counter-intelligence and Egyptian police of planning to assassinate both President Mubarak and Libyan Leader Qadafi." To make matters worse and even more bizarre, the authorities claimed Romeo and Danny were using ham radio as a cover for illegal drug trafficking by communicating with Turkish ships in the ports of Benghazi and Alexendria. Romeo and Danny were both arrested and placed in a Libyan prison and held incommunicado.

Romeo continues: "This experience caused my health to deteriorate greatly and I am currently under doctor's care and receiving medical treatment."

And now the Romeo story takes a twist. A very sad twist. Roman Vega, aka Romeo Stepanenko, was arrested and extradited from Cyprus to the United States in March 2004, and charged with 40 counts of wire fraud and trafficking in stolen credit card numbers. He is alleged to have done this in on-line chat rooms. He allegedly bilked over \$3 million through this scheme. Romeo has pleaded not guilty to all charges. He was detained in Northern California, as he was considered a flight risk. His trial was scheduled to begin in San Francisco on Monday, November 28, 2005.

Another indictment in New York for access device fraud and money laundering followed 2 years later and convictions eventually secured.

So I went looking for the official records at the US DOJ website and guess what? No records. But his old sidekick, Ed Kritsky, NT2X, said this in an email dated May 30, 2010.

"Well, it is seven years later - and there has been no trial. Detention—yes, continued investigation - certainly, but NO TRIAL. Call me naive, but I would have difficulty believing this is possible in this country. Well, it is possible. Seven years is a long time to investigate a case against someone held in jail. IMHO, something is wrong with this picture. Or maybe the case isn't that solid? Draw your own conclusions, fellas. He is residing only few miles away, yet we had no contact over this time. This is the first letter I received. I dare to guess that something is changing in his circumstances and he decided to write He doesn't speak about his case much. It is an intensely private matter.

Apparently he doesn't want to share it with the worlds at this time. The reasons are obvious. Do you want to know if he is alive and well? He is, full of the usual "piss and vinegar". He is doing as well as he can within the jail confines. Romeo shares his cell with other inmates, all 120 of them. Call it a room with a view - allowing for a peek at distant Manhattan and Gowanus Expressway 40 ft away.

His English has improved to the point of becoming his 'official' second language. He has spent last 3 years studying Japanese and other languages. Romeo is busy - his own library of about 150 books and a stack of books and periodicals waiting to be read (he is subscribed to about 20), extensive letter writing to all sorts of people, excelling at yoga. His mood is upbeat and he keeps a very positive outlook on life and his own fate. This is the same unbending Romeo I knew back when he was in zenith of his worldwide fame, except showing more wisdom and reserve.

Do I think he is an angel with a snow-white consciousness? No, not really. Does he deserve our sympathy? That depends on which side of the fence you are on. I think that Amateur Radio world may have lost track of Romeo for awhile, but he is not forgotten.

So, boys and girls, fan (and hate) mail may be sent to him directly: Roman Vega, # 59198-004, MDC, PO Box 329002, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Letters, photos and QSLs are welcome - but currency, checks or IRCs of any kind are strictly forbidden by jail regulations - DO NOT SEND them. (Romeo, ain't this ironic?)

He promises a special jailhouse QSL when he gets out (another 'new one' from this DXpeditioner). Just don't expect one too soon.

To those inquiring minds who want to know: Is Romeo Stepanenko using me to get his name back in the limelight again? The answer is no. OK, maybe just a little bit. But I don't mind. He hasn't asked for anything. I'm posting this letter to the Amateur community totally on my own. Opinions expressed are my own and not Romeo's. Reprint and duplication of this information in any form are freely permitted."


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Romeo as he looks today.



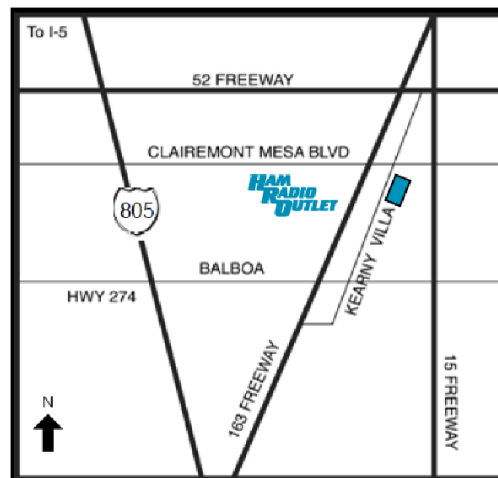
Romeo's current residence. No antennas are visible.



Romeo in better times, signing QSL cards at Dayton.

73, Bob

All QSL cards and images are from the K9RHY collection.



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Contest Corral



April 2012

HF	VHF+	Contest Title	Phn	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Sponsor's Web Site	Logs Due
Mar 31, 0000Z - Apr 1, 2400Z	144, 10G+ Worldwide EME Contest		X	X		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org	Jun 25
1.8-28 Mar 31, 0001Z - Apr 8, 2359Z	Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party		X	X	X	ARLHS number or serial, name, S/P/C	arlhs.com	12 days
1.8-28 Mar 31, 1800Z - See website	MO QSO Party		X	X		RS(T), serial, MO county or S/P/C	www.w0ma.org	May 1
3.5-28 Apr 3, 0200Z - Apr 3, 0400Z	ARS Spartan Sprint		X	X		RST, S/P/C, and power	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com	2 days
3.5 Apr 3, 1600Z - See website	OK1WC Memorial Contest		X	X		RS(T) and serial	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc	7 days
1.8-14 Apr 6, 0200Z - Apr 6, 0300Z	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints		X	X		Serial, name, and S/P/C	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html	2 days
1.8-28 Apr 7, 0000Z - Apr 8, 0000Z	Montana QSO Party		X	X	X	RS(T), S/P/C or MT county	www.fvarc.org	May 31
7 Apr 7, 0400Z - Apr 7, 0800Z	LZ Open 40 Meter Contest		X	X		6-digit serial and serial from previous QSO	www.lzopen.com	10 days
1.8-28 Apr 7, 0700Z - Apr 8, 1300Z	Japan International DX Contest		X	X		RST, JA prefecture or CQ Zone	jidx.org	30 days
14 Apr 7, 12 Noon - Apr 7, 6 PM	PODXS 31 Flavors Contest		X	X		S/P/C and name or 070 number	www.podxs070.com	May 9
1.8-28 Apr 7, 1200Z - Apr 8, 2359Z	QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party		X	X		RST, S/P/C, power or QRP ARCI number	www.qrparci.org/contests	14 days
1.8-28 Apr 7, 1500Z - Apr 8, 1500Z	SP DX Contest		X	X		RS(T), serial or SP province	www.spdxcontest.info	Apr 30
3.5-28 Apr 7, 1600Z - Apr 8, 1600Z	EA RTTY Contest		X	X		RST, serial or EA province	www.ure.es/contest	Apr 21
1.8-28 Apr 9, 1400Z - Apr 9, 2000Z	Low Power Spring Sprint		X	X		RST, grid square, category	alexanderkorda@hotmail.com	30 days
144 Apr 9, 7 PM - Apr 9, 11 PM	VHF Spring Sprints		X	X	X	Grid Square (6-character preferred)	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints	14 days

3.5-14 Apr 11, 0030Z - Apr 11, 0230Z	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	X	RST, S/P/C, and NAQCC mbr nr or power Monthly on 2nd Tuesday or 3rd Wednesday local time (alternating).	naqcc.info	4 days
1.8-28 Apr 11, 1300Z - See website	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	X	Name, member number or S/P/C Multiple operating periods, twice monthly on 2nd and 4th Wed, 18 to 28 kHz above band edge.	www.cwops.org/onair.html	2 days
3.5-14 Apr 14, 1600Z - Apr 14, 1959Z	EU Spring Sprints	X	Both callsigns, serial, name 3.550, 7.025, 14.040.	www.eu-sprint.com	15 days
1.8-28 Apr 14, 1400Z - Apr 15, 0200Z	50 New Mexico Centennial QSO Party	X X	Call sign, name, and NM county or S/P/C CW-1.85, 3.55, 7.045, 14.05, 21.05, 28.05, 50.095; SSB-1.85, 3.815, 7.26, 14.28, 21.38, 28.38, 50.13.	www.swcp.com/~n5zgt	May 5
3.5-14 Apr 14, 1600Z - Apr 14, 1959Z	EU Spring Sprints	X	Both callsigns, serial, name 3.730, 7.050, 14.250.	www.eu-sprint.com	15 days
1.8-28 Apr 14, 1800Z - Apr 15, 1800Z	50+ QCWA Spring QSO Party	X X	Call, year lic'd name, QCWA chap or S/P/C www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm	www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm	30 days
1.8-28 Apr 14, 1800Z - Apr 15, 1800Z	50 Georgia QSO Party	X X	RS(T), S/P/C or GA county Multiple operating periods: CW 1.815, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045, 50.095; Phone 1.865, 3.810, 7.225, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450, 50.135.	gqp.contesting.com	May 15
1.8-28 Apr 14, 2100Z - Apr 15, 2100Z	Yuri Gagarin DX Contest	X	RST, ITU Zone	gc.qst.ru/en	May 7
1.8-28 Apr 15, 0200Z - Apr 15, 0400Z	Run For the Bacon	X	RST, S/P/C, Flying Pig nr or power Monthly on 3rd Sunday night (local).	www.fpqrp.org	
7.14 Apr 15, 0700Z - See website	International Vintage Contest	X X	RS(T), grid square Multiple operating periods.	www.contestvintage.beepworld.it	May 30
3.5-28 Apr 15, 1800Z - Apr 15, 2359Z	ARRL Rookie Roundup	X	Both calls, name, check, S/P XE# or "DX"	www.arri.org/contests	See web
222 Apr 17, 7 PM - Apr 17, 11 PM	VHF Spring Sprints	X X	Grid Square (6-character preferred)	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints	14 days
1.8-28 Apr 20, 2100Z - Apr 21, 2100Z	Holyland DX Contest	X X	RS(T), serial or Israel district	www.iarc.org	May 31
1.8-28 50 Apr 21, 0000Z - Apr 21, 2400Z	TARA Skirmish Dig Pfx Contest	X	Name, prefix	www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_dpx_rules.html	May 17
3.5.7 Apr 21, 0500Z - Apr 21, 0859Z	ES Open HF Championship	X X	RS(T), serial, dupes OK once/hour	www.erau.ee	May 20
3.5-28 Apr 21, 1200Z - Apr 22, 2359Z	CQMM Contest	X	RST, continent, and category	www.cqmmcx.com	Jun 30
3.5-28 Apr 21, 1600Z - Apr 22, 0400Z	Michigan QSO Party	X X	Serial and MI county or S/P/C CW 45 kHz from band edge, Phone 3.825, 7.200, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450.	www.miqp.org	30 days
3.5-28 Apr 21, 1700Z - Apr 22, 1300Z	EA QRP Contest	X	RST, category, M if EA QRP member	www.eaqrp.com	30 days
1.8-28 Apr 21, 1700Z - Apr 22, 1700Z	South Dakota QSO Party	X X	RS(T) and SD county or S/P/C CW - 3.58, 7.035, 14.07; Phone - 1.845, 3.855, 7.180, 14.255, 21.355, 28.455 on SSB; RTTY - 3.585, 7.038, 14.075, 21.075; PSK - Cfg Freq.	www.w0blk.org	Jun 1



1.8-28 50,144 Apr 21, 1800Z - See website	Ontario QSO Party	X X	RS(T), S/P/C or Ontario QTH	www.va3cco.com	May 18
Multiple operating periods: CW 30 kHz above band edge; Phone 1,870,3,735,3,860,7,070,7,260,14,130,14,265,21,260,28,360; VHF-SSB: 50,130,52,540,144,205,148					
1.8-28 Apr 21, 2000Z - Apr 21, 2200Z	Feld-Hell New Member Sprint	X	RST, S/P/C, Feld-Hell member nr	www.feldhellclub.org	7 days
Monthly on 3rd Saturday.					
1.8-28 Apr 21, 2100Z - See website	YU DX Contest	X	RST and ITU zone	www.yu1srs.org.rs/dl/yudx/yudxmain.html	30 days
Multiple operating periods.					
432 Apr 25, 7 PM - Apr 25, 11 PM	VHF Spring Sprints	X X	Grid Square (6-character preferred)	sites.google.com/site/springvhfupprints	14 days
2.3G Apr 28, 0000Z - Apr 29, 2400Z	Worldwide EME Contest	X X	TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org	Jun 25
28 Apr 28, 0001Z - Apr 29, 2359Z	Ten-Ten Spring Digital Contest	X	Call, name, county & S/P/C, 10-10 number	www.ten-ten.org	15 days
1.8-28 50,144 Apr 28, 1100Z - Apr 29, 1700Z	Nebraska QSO Party	X X	RS(T), NE county or S/P/C	www.hdxa.net	May 31
CW: 1.805 and 35 kHz above band edge; Nov/Tech-10 kHz above band edge; Phone-1,915,3,865,7,265,14,265,21,365,28,465,146,460.					
3.5-28 Apr 28, 1200Z - Apr 29, 1200Z	SP DX RTTY Contest	X	RST, serial, SP province	www.pkrrvg.org/zbiior.html	May 24
1.8-28 Apr 28, 1300Z - Apr 29, 1259Z	Helvetia Contest	X X	RS(T), serial or Swiss canton	www.uska.ch	15 days
7-28 Apr 28, 1500Z - Apr 29, 0300Z	QRP To The Field	X	RST, S/P/C	www.zianet.com/qrp	Jun 1
7-28 Apr 28, 1600Z - See website	Florida QSO Party	X X	RS(T), FL county or S/P/C	www.floridaqsoparty.org	30 days
Multiple operating periods and frequency recommendations - see website.					
3.5-28 Apr 29, 1700Z - Apr 29, 2100Z	BARTG 75 Sprint	X	Serial	www.bartg.org.uk	Jun 1